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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN INTEREST IN MEETINGS OF MAJOR FOOD
PRODUCING NATIONS

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1. DURING PM WHITLAM'S OCTOBER 4 MEETING WITH SECRETARY,
REPORTED REFTEL, WHITLAM AFFIRMED THAT GOA HAS INTEREST
IN PLAYING PROPER ROLE IN WORLD FOOD PICTURE AND WANTS TO
BE INVOLVED IN COOPERATIVE EFFORTS OF MAJOR PRODUCERS.

2. DURING LUNCHEON CONVERSATION WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY
INGERSOLL OCTOBER 5, GOA FONMIN WILLESEE STATED THAT
AUSTRALIA HOPES TO BE IN ON MEETINGS OF MAJOR FOOD
PRODUCERS.

3. PREPARATIONS WITHIN USG FOR WFC NOW ENTERING FINAL
STAGES. WE ANTICIPATE AUSTRALIA, AS A MAJOR FOOD
PRODUCER AND EXPORTER, WILL HAVE A MAJOR ROLE TO PLAY IN
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ANY DISCUSSIONS AMONG FOOD SURPLUS COUNTRIES. WE WELCOME

GOA INTEREST IN THIS REGARD. WE EXPECT TO COORDINATE
FULLY IN CONTEXT OF ANTICIPATED MEETINGS OF GROUP B
COUNTRIES PRIOR TO WFC. INGERSOLL

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